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EAT

CHICAGO'S 177TH BIRTHDAY PARTY Daley Plaza

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The Big Shoulders Brass Band and Mystick Krewe of Laff lead a Mardi Gras-style parade to kick off a food truck rally featuring 11 mobile eateries including Husky Hog BBQ and Bridgeport Pasty with complimentary cake and beats by DJ Lisa Rene. A 10:30 a.m. lobby pre-program features Chicago heritage-related activities. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. No cover.



CAJUN CRAWL Moonshine

1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686

A crawfish boil is the highlight of this Fat Tuesday celebration featuring a pound (\$14) or half-pound (\$8) of fresh crawdads with corn, potatoes, drawn butter and lemons. Add a Bacardi Hurricane for \$6 more. 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

PACZKI DAY Delightful Pastries

1710 N. Wells St. 312-255-0724; 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; additional locations

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DRINK

MARDI GRAS PARTY Blokes & Birds

3343 N. Clark St. 773-472-5252

Bourbon Street arrives on Clark Street at this bash featuring \$5 hurricane cocktails, a masquerade contest with a \$100 gift card prize for the best mask, Southern food specials and music from Chicago Bulls concourse DJ Markyboy. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover.

DO

MIDWEST INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL Landmark Century Centre Cinema

2828 N. Clark St. 773-248-7759

Director Todd Sklar and co-writer and lead actor Alex Rennie attend a screening of their SXSW-featured comedy, "Awful Nice," and discuss their work post-show. Pre-screening features include former "Oprah" producer Allyson Kearns on developing TV pitches and a Daufenbach Camera new film technology showcase. 6 p.m. \$10. Tickets: midwestfilm.com.



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INTERNATIONAL SHOWDOWN

RUSSIA BEGINS TO FEEL FINANCIAL HIT FOR ENTERING UKRAINE



Ukrainian riot police stand guard around a government building in the Black Sea city of Odessa to prevent pro-Russian activists from storming the building on Monday. GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Reuters

MOSCOW Russia paid a heavy financial price Monday for its military intervention in neighboring Ukraine, with stocks, bonds and the rouble plunging as President Vladimir Putin's forces tightened their grip on the Russian-speaking Crimea region.

The Moscow stock market fell 10.8 percent, wiping nearly \$60 billion off the value of Russian companies — more than the \$51 billion Russia spent on the Winter Olympics in Sochi last month.

The central bank spent as much as \$12 billion of its reserves to prop up the rouble as investors took fright at tensions with the West over the former Soviet republic.

Putin declared over the weekend he had the right to invade Ukraine to protect Russian interests and citizens.

President Obama called Russia's actions a violation of international law and of Ukraine's sovereignty, saying Washington would look at sanctions to isolate Moscow.

"Over time this will be a costly proposition for Russia. And now is the time for them to consider whether they can serve their interests in a way that resorts to diplomacy as op-

DELEGATION CANCELS TRIP TO RUSSIA

The crisis in Ukraine prompted the White House on Monday to cancel its official delegation to the Paralympic Games in Russia, and the Illinois lawmaker who had planned to lead the delegation issued a statement condemning Russian military actions. "As a member of Congress, it is my first priority to ensure the safety of my constituents and all Americans," Rep. Tammy Duckworth said. "I remain appalled by the immoral and illegal actions of the Russian government and believe that there must be consequences for its behavior."

posed to force," he told reporters, saying Putin should let international monitors mediate a deal acceptable to all Ukrainians.

The European Union threatened unspecified "targeted measures" unless Russia returns its forces to their bases and opens talks with Ukraine's new government.

In his first public appearance for nearly a week, Putin flew to watch military maneuvers in western Russia in what appeared designed as a show of strength.

Russia's Black Sea fleet denied reports it had given Ukrainian forces in Crimea an ultimatum to surrender by early Tuesday or face attack, Interfax news agency said. The U.S. said any such threat would be a dangerous escalation.

Ukraine's acting president said Russia's military presence in Crimea was growing.

Ukrainian officials said Russia was building up armor on its side of the 2.7-mile-wide Kerch strait between the Crimean peninsula and southern Russia.

Russian forces later began shipping truckloads of troops by ferry into the Crimea region after seizing the border post on the Ukrainian side, Ukraine's border guards spokesman said.

He said Russian troops seized the checkpoint after the guards tried to stop two buses carrying seven armed men. The next ferry brought three truckloads of soldiers across.

Both sides have so far avoided bloodshed, but the market turmoil highlighted damage the crisis could wreak on Russia's vulnerable economy, making it harder to balance the budget and potentially undermining business and public support for Putin.



An anti-war demonstrator holds a sign in Brussels on Monday.

Ukraine called up reservists Sunday after Putin's action provoked what British Foreign Secretary William Hague called "the biggest crisis in Europe in the 21st century."

CTA Train Tracker displays coming



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Now arriving: new changes to Train Tracker displays.

The CTA is testing the addition of alerts such as rail delay information to some Train Tracker signs in stations, the agency said Monday. The CTA also said it plans this year to install up to 450 trackers across the system, bringing the agency's

station tracker count to 1,000 displays.

On Monday, the agency began experimenting with showing alerts on signs at the Grand and Lake Red Line stops and the Randolph/Wabash station in the Loop. These alerts, which can include current delay information and upcoming station work, are available on the CTA's website and trackers accessed by computer or cellphone.

Currently, if riders waiting on platforms are curious about delays, they can log on to Train Tracker with their phones, listen for station announcements or ask a customer service agent. These tracker additions should help better inform riders of any potential problems, the CTA said.

Tony Coppoletta, CTA's manager of external electronic communications, said the

agency will solicit feedback from riders on the changes before expanding to the rest of the system.

"We're going to do a gradual rollout," Coppoletta said. "I'm excited about these improvements. I want to get [this information] in front of as many people as we can."

The CTA may also change the number of upcoming trains that signs display.

Coppoletta said instead of listing three or four upcoming trains, which may confuse riders because the signs continuously scroll through information, the CTA is looking at limiting the display to two upcoming trains.

Riders would be able to glance up and see the next train's information, instead of the third or fourth train in the line, Coppoletta said.

As of September, every station but the Wilson Red Line stop has at least one Train Tracker display.

The Wilson stop is undergoing an overhaul that will make the station a transfer point for the Purple Line Express and accessible for riders with disabilities. Train Tracker displays would be added during construction.

The CTA said the 450 displays are part of a previous purchase of 1,000 displays. Future tracker locations and installation costs are not clear.

"The goal is to have several [trackers] at every station," CTA spokeswoman Tammy Chase said.



More like *don't* meet up ...

Reuters

Meetup.com is fighting a sustained battle against cyber attackers who are demanding only \$300 to call off a campaign that has kept the site offline for much of the past four days.

The site, which enables strangers to meet for activities of shared interest such as sports and other hobbies, could not be accessed early Monday afternoon.

A Meetup blog said the company was a victim of a distributed denial of service (DDoS) campaign, a type of attack that knocks websites offline by overwhelming them with incoming traffic. It said no personal data, including credit card information, had been accessed.

Meetup's co-founder and CEO, Scott Helferman, said on the company's blog that it was the first such attack in the site's 12-year history. He defended the move not to pay the paltry ransom.

"We made a decision not to negotiate with criminals," he said. "Payment could make us (and all well-meaning organizations like us) a target for further extortion demands as word spread in the criminal world."

He said the small amount was likely a trick and that the perpetrators of the sophisticated attacks would likely demand more.

Helferman's blog post said the site should be able to protect itself over time, even though it has struggled to stay online since the attacks began Thursday morning. He said Meetup spent millions of dollars a year to secure its systems.

The Meetup site and related mobile apps have been intermittently unavailable since Thursday.

“We made a decision not to negotiate with criminals.” —Scott Helferman, CEO of Meetup

STATIONARY A weekly dispatch from a CTA station of note
This week: 63rd Red Line

It's very clear that this Greater Grand Crossing station benefited from last year's five-month, \$425 million overhaul of nine southern Red Line stations and corresponding track. The station was one of three to get an elevator to make it accessible for riders with disabilities. On the aesthetic side, new station art is on the way. But a big problem persists at this station: pedestrian accessibility. There is no crosswalk in front of the stop for riders to cross the street and enter the station. Riders have to travel up the street and cross at the nearest traffic light and then walk to the station entrance. The eastbound 63rd Street bus, which helps shepherd riders to the Green Line, doesn't stop right in front of the station either.

Next up: Belmont stop on the Red, Brown and Purple lines


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Kelly Anne Celli
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THERE'S NO WAITING FOR MEALS WHEN ALL YOU DO IS SNACK

Chicago Tribune

Kelly Anne Celli, a Lincoln Park Zoo employee who moonlights as a real estate agent, compares herself to a giraffe because she's always munching, slowly but surely. On something.

She never sits for meals; she doesn't even have a kitchen table.

But while the tradition of sitting down for three square meals has long been fading, major food companies whose profits depend on how much and how often we eat have found that snacking is replacing meals for a growing number of people. And those who do eat a few meals a day are snacking more between meals too.



Sara Ordonez shops for snacks at the Walgreens on North State Street. ANTHONY SOUFFLE/TRIBUNE

Percentage of people who ate three or more snacks a day:

27%
2009

51%
2012

"Half the time when people are eating, they're eating snacks," said Harvey Hartman, founder and chairman of The Hartman Group, a market research firm based in Bellevue, Wash. Just 10 percent of people stick to a breakfast-lunch-dinner meal pattern. And about 6 percent don't eat any meals at all, instead opting to "graze."

"I eat from the moment I get up until I go to bed," said Celli, a 27-year-old who bounds with energy and whose husband is more of a traditional eater. During "dinner," she said, he eats "massive portions" compared with what she consumes because she's nibbled all day. "I'm not overweight," she said. "I ran the marathon last year."

Celli, who's been eating this way as long as she can remember, made a conscious effort to eat more healthfully four years ago by adding more fruits, vegetables and whole grains to her diet. This mirrors one trend food companies emphasized at a consumer products conference in Florida last month: Not only are people snacking more, but they're chomping on healthier stuff.

"They need to get more out of the snacking moment than what they used to. So mindless munching, or just kind of hollow calories, is

really not where consumers are going," said Mark Clouse, president of the North America business at Deerfield-based Mondelez International, which makes snacks including Oreos and Triscuits.

"Traditional meals, in the way we know them, are shrinking as a behavior," Clouse said. "The reality is that what a snack used to be, or what a snack is, versus a smaller meal, those lines get very blurry."

All considered: What's the difference between six small meals a day and continuously snacking?

"I would say the difference is time," said Peter Herrnreiter, who shops for prepared foods like packaged sugar snap peas at Trader Joe's and eats five or six small meals a day. He describes those meals as sort of a hybrid between a snack and a meal. The 28-year-old Chicago marketing professional said he exercises consistently and likes to eat every two to three hours to keep his energy up and his metabolism pumping.

Companies are responding to the "small meals" concept. This year, Chicago-based Hillshire Brands Co. will introduce a product line called Hillshire Snacking, with higher-end "small plates" such as Italian dry salami, Gouda cheese and crackers packaged together.

Other than health, the most common reason people choose to snack is that they don't have time to prepare meals.

"I don't always get to take a full lunch break," said Schaumburg resident Amanda Talar, who works for an oral surgeon and thinks grazing can be healthier and more convenient. "I'm pretty busy. I don't always get to step away from a desk."

For time-pressed consumers, companies such as PepsiCo still sell plenty of Fritos and Cheetos.

And companies such as Mondelez see a

chance to reap bigger profits from on-the-go foods. The snack industry has grown 5 to 6 percent each year for the last three years and is worth \$1.2 trillion worldwide today, with packaged snacks accounting for about half of that, according to Mondelez Chairman and Chief Executive Irene Rosenfeld.

People often buy snacks to eat immediately, when they are typically not as focused on price. More than 80 percent of snack decisions are made where people buy their food, which is just fine with Mondelez.

"We like immediate consumption because we like the margins," Rosenfeld said.

Cereal-maker Kellogg said there are as many as four occasions when people eat between waking up and having lunch.

Michael Allen, president of the U.S. Morning Foods division at Kellogg Co., said that on average, people eat about 1.7 times and consume an average of 3.4 items in the morning. Someone might have a "pre-breakfast" cup of coffee or tea, or eat while sitting or getting ready for work or school. That person might then grab something in transit and eat it then or later, or have a midmorning snack at work or school.

Lauren Hise, a 24-year-old social media manager in Evanston, typically has a snack between breakfast and lunch.

"The thing with snacking is, I love to eat, I love food," Hise said. "And I'm downright cranky when I'm hungry."

She tries to eat three moderately sized meals each day and snacks in between to keep her metabolism up. She said it helps prevent her from overeating at mealtimes.

But the snacks she chooses, she said, are almost always natural; kiwi and raw walnuts are among her favorites.

"There are so many snack foods now claiming to be healthy, but you really have to do your research," Hise said. "Nothing's going to benefit your body like whole foods, fruit and veggies. Is the 100-calorie pack of Cheez-Its really going to make me think I cheated, or is it just a poor substitute?"

To be sure, not everyone snacks. Take Kyle Thoms, a 29-year-old Chicagoan in sales, who said he eats three meals a day because he's afraid that if he ate constantly, he would end up overeating or eating unhealthy foods.

"I was a three-meals-a-day person until I went to college, and then it was a free-for-all," Thoms recalled. "I ate whatever I wanted. ... And I've always been a skinny guy, so what I ate didn't really affect me."

Now, Thoms does much of his meal preparing on Sundays and limits himself to three meals a day. He even prepares bacon and eggs, which he reheats for breakfast during the week.

"I think society just makes it so easy to not eat three square meals a day," Thoms said. "Even if it doesn't really take an effort, society makes you think it does take a lot of effort."

PROTEIN PACKED

Packaged food companies are bringing out snacks and mini-meals with high levels of protein. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recommends adults consume 50 grams of protein a day based on a 2,000-calorie intake. Northfield-based Kraft Foods and Chicago-based Hillshire Brands have announced new protein-focused snack foods. **TRIBUNE**

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Availability: In limited test distribution



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Goose Island doubles down with new 312 brew

By Kate Bernot | REDEYE

If you're used to telling your bartender "I'll have a 312, please," you'll have to be more specific. Beginning March 12, Goose Island Beer Co. will debut a sec-

ond beer in its 312 line—312 Urban Pale Ale.

Goose Island's current pale ale, Green Line Pale Ale, is a draft-only beer available exclusively in Chicago. With the debut of 312 Urban Pale Ale, the brewery will offer a pale ale nationwide.

The beer will join 312 Urban Wheat Ale, the classic yellow bottle—and as of 2012, can—that has become an accessible, lightly hopped Chicago staple. Brewed with three types of hops and a caramel malt, the pale ale comes in at 5.4 percent alcohol by volume.

Have questions about the new brew? Goose Island's head brewer, Brett Porter, will conduct a Reddit Ask Me Anything on March 12 at 3:12 p.m. CST. Are those enough 312 references for you?

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- » The Illinois Supreme Court on Monday consolidated the four lawsuits challenging the state's new pension overhaul and assigned the matter to Sangamon County for hearings.
- » Eighteen Chicagoans appear on Forbes magazine's 2014 list of the world's billionaires.
- » Curie will play in the boys state basketball tournament: The IHSA announced Monday that the top-ranked Condors, who were stripped of their city title and 24 victories by Chicago Public Schools for using seven academically ineligible players, are eligible by the state association's standards. REDEYE, TRIBUNE



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Oscar Pistorius attends the opening day of his trial at the Pretoria High Court on Monday. GETTY IMAGES

First witness testifies in Olympian's murder trial

PRETORIA, South Africa The first witness at Oscar Pistorius' murder trial told the court Monday she heard "bloodcurdling screams" from a woman followed by shots, a dramatic opening to a case that could see one of global sport's most admired role models jailed for life.

Taking the stand after the Paralympic and Olympic star pleaded not guilty to murdering his girlfriend, model Reeva Steenkamp, on Valentine's Day last year, neighbor Michelle Burger testified that she was woken in the middle of the night by a woman shouting for help.

"I was still sitting in the bed and I heard her screams," Burger, who lives in an adjacent housing complex, told the Pretoria High Court.

"She screamed terribly and she yelled for help. Then I also heard a man screaming for help. Three times he yelled for help," she said, speaking in Afrikaans through an interpreter.

Thinking it was a violent break-in—a possibility in crime-ridden South Africa—Burger said her husband called the private security firm guarding their upmarket Pretoria housing estate before the pair heard more shouts.

"I heard the screams again. It was worse. It was more intense," said Burger, a Pretoria University economics lecturer. "She was very scared," she added, her voice cracking with emotion.

"Just after her screams, I heard four shots. Four gunshots," she said. "Bang ... bang, bang, bang."

"It was very traumatic for me. You could hear that it was bloodcurdling screams." After the final shot, the screams "started fading," she added later.

Throughout Burger's testimony, the 27-year-old Pistorius—described by Time magazine in 2012 as "the definition of global inspiration" and named as one of the world's 100 most influential people—sat impassively in the courtroom, staring at the floor.

The athlete, who was born without lower legs but reached the 2012 Olympic 400 meters semifinal using carbon-fiber "blades," argues that Steenkamp's killing was a tragic accident after he mistook her for an intruder hiding in the bathroom.

Navy confirms pilot's death in jet crash

The U.S. Navy said Monday that the pilot of an F/A-18C fighter jet that crashed during a training mission near a Nevada air base on Saturday was killed in the accident. The cause of the crash will be investigated, the Navy said.

First lady, daughters to travel to China

First lady Michelle Obama will travel to China this month with her daughters and her mother for a trip built on the theme of education, her office announced Monday. The March 19-26 trip will include stops in the cities of Beijing, Xian and Chengdu.

Chess champion launches app

Norway's Magnus Carlsen, the world's 23-year-old reigning chess champion, has launched an app based on his own past games to make chess more popular. The app allows users to play him at the different levels he has achieved since the age of 5.



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Time to forget the Olympics! 6 reasons to hate that hockey team from St. Louis

The Olympics are long gone. The spectacle of snowy Soldier Field is now a beautiful memory. Back to real hockey, my friends. With 20 games to go, the Blackhawks are tied with St. Louis for first in the Central Division.

My semi-bold prediction: They'll finish within four points of each other, meaning the Blackhawks' playoff seed should be determined by the result of two games: March 19 and April 6 against the Blues, both at the United Center.

With the new (old) intradivisional playoff matchup system, we'll probably see the Blues in the postseason the rest of this decade. Prepare to Voltron up all your hockey hatred for Vancouver, Nashville and even Detroit. You'll need it to deal with the eminently hateable Blues.

Ryan Miller, goaltender

Newly traded to St. Louis from Buffalo, he's a former Vezina trophy winner with a lifetime .916 save percentage. A universally respected difference-maker.

Hateability:

One pair of stone-washed jorts

Steve Ott, center

Part of the Miller trade, he's a second-line center with a goon streak. Regularly logs triple-digit penalty minutes per season.

Hateability: Three pairs of really frayed stonewashed jorts

David Backes, center

You know that unwritten rule that says team captains shouldn't deliver dirty hits? David Backes is glad it's unwritten, because I'm pretty sure he can't read. Backes got some positive pub for adopting Sochi stray dogs, but you won't care about that when he cross-checks Patrick Kane headfirst into the boards when the puck's 30 feet away.

Hateability: Eight pairs of jorts and two warm half-empty beers

T.J. Oshie, forward

While the rest of the country fawned over the Olympic shootout hero, Hawks fans bit their lip. Luckily he'll get to shoot only once by NHL rules. And yes, he'll score.

Hateability: One square of that garbage-topped St. Louis-style "pizza"

Ryan Reaves, forward

Averages seven minutes on ice per game and more than two minutes in the penalty box per game. I'm not even exaggerating that statistic.

Hateability: One entire dumb, stupid Imo's Pizza

Barret Jackman, defenseman

Will try to fight Brandon Saad. Will skate away from Brandon Bollig. Googling "Barret Jackman sucks" returns 44,400 results. The worst.

Hateability: Ripped-up jorts soaked in old beer, stained with ketchup-pizza sauce washed up on the bank of the Mississippi River in August

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WARMUP

ICYMI, Jimmer Fredette is not why the Bulls have won nine of their past 10 games. As for the next 10 ...



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1	Why have the Bulls been so hot lately?	They've just been hanging around their less-hot friends.	Coach Thibs wears short-shorts to practice whenever they lose.	Joakim's campaigning for that MVP title?	They've switched from practicing at the old 40-foot court located at Bayside High.	Not sure, since the hottest player is STILL not playing. (Talking to you, Rose.)
2	What does Jimmer Fredette mean when he says the Bulls "play the right way"?	They usually dribble.	They haven't been mistaking him for a ball boy.	Is this his "you complete me" speech?	"Play the right way" = "not the crappy Kings wrong way."	Winning. He means winning = right.
3	It's been so long since the Blackhawks played at the United Center now it's the United Senior Center.	... home practice was interrupted by the filming of "Space Jam."	... Jim Cornelison had to take a side gig selling tamales at nightclubs.	... the ice crew may have forgotten where they left their shovels! What will we do?!	... "Chelsea Dagger" has been replaced by "Drunk in Love" as the goal song.
4	Starlin Castro has a hamstring strain. How concerned are you?	As long as he's back before the NLCS, should be fine.	About as concerned as Castro is with professional baseball.	We're talking 7-10 days here. I've had drinking benders last that long!	I'm concerned I won't get to see him swing at curveballs in the dirt. So sad.	About as concerned as before the strain. Does it even matter anymore?
5	Winning a golf tournament on a 75-foot putt is like almost like winning in a real sport.	... starting off by admitting you live in your mom's basement, and still having her end up there.	... Joakim Noah actually getting that MVP title.	... winning a box set of old "90210" episodes on an obscure Brenda question. Not that I've done that.	... my husband agreeing to golf with me. UNLIKELY. "pouty face"

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Goalie pad bandit on the loose?

Chicago Tribune

First Corey Crawford's specially designed Stadium Series mask never arrived. Now the Blackhawks goalie's best set of leg pads have gone missing.

Crawford was still stunned Monday at the disappearance of his pads, which he and the team believe were stolen from Soldier Field on Saturday, when the Blackhawks beat Pittsburgh.

"This is crazy," Crawford said. "I've never seen this before. I've never heard of this before. It's crazy, man. The trainers are all stunned that it happened. Honestly, I told every guy and some of the guys didn't believe it happened."

Crawford wore black pads for the game Saturday, since the Blackhawks wore black jerseys. It's his white pads that are missing.

"Those are the ones I wear all the time—gone," he said. "I was speechless."

Crawford indicated the team has surveillance footage from Soldier Field that might help them identify the thief.

Crawford's mask for the Stadium Series game never arrived in Chicago, and neither he nor the team have been able to locate it. Crawford said Monday that the tracking number he had for the shipment continues to turn up empty.

A new set of pads takes a couple of practices to break in, Crawford said.

BOLLIG'S BACK

Well, technically he never left. But the Blackhawks announced Monday that they reached a three-year contract extension with forward Brandon Bollig that runs through 2016-17. Bollig, 27, has six goals and six assists in 62 games this season.

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ALBUM REVIEW



Louder
Lea Michele



By Dana Moran

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If Lea Michele is anything like her ambitious "Glee" character, Rachel Berry, this probably ran through her head when she first landed the show: "Yessss! It's only a matter of time until a Grammy is sitting in my trophy case!" Because Lea Michele definitely has a trophy case.

Nearly five years and so many plaid skirts later, the 27-year-old diva has got herself a solo album. The awards will have to wait: "Louder" is weirdly devoid of any piercing emotion, even though Michele is singing about her late boyfriend and co-star Cory Monteith, who died in July of a drug overdose. She revealed in a recent interview that the album's closing ballad, "If You Say So," is dedicated to their final words to each other. That automatically should leave you in tears, right? Here's part of the chorus: "It's been seven whole days/Without your embrace/I want to see your face/I got some things to say." Yeeeah.

Michele's trite rhymes are far less stirring than her "Glee" tribute to Monteith, a rendition of Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love." It's the same with the rest of the poorly written tracks; they made me feel absolutely nothing, except a desire to go listen to Fiona Apple — an artist who actually taps into her emotions in profound, personal ways.

It's not just that the music on "Louder" is completely without substance. (Plenty of pop albums commit that crime.) It's that Michele could have distanced herself from her TV image of a high-school Goody

Two-Shoes by demonstrating richness and maturity in her voice or removing a few dozen dubstep sirens to give these tracks some personality. Instead, her opportunity to show who she is as an artist doesn't show much of anything. So when she sings about being in "this black-out state of mind" on "My Way," I just think about a mascara-stained Rachel Berry puking in some bushes.

Maybe this album would work better live because I'd actually be able to see her as an adult. Still, Michele should probably stick to show tunes, where the lyrics actually match the background music and don't resemble a watered-down fruit salad of overproduction.

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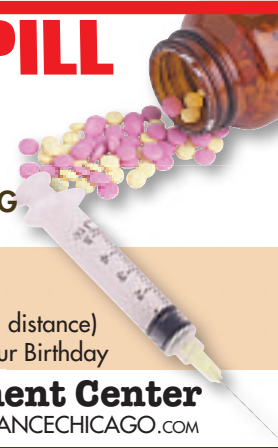
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Mastermind

Rick Ross



By Ernest Wilkins

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By now, Rick Ross fans know that enjoying the flashy rapper means focusing on the details of his stories, not wondering if his larger-than-life boasts about making huge gains in the drug game come from actual life experience. He spent years denying accusations that he spent time as a South Florida correctional officer, eventually and quietly confirm-

ing those reports without providing any evidence that his recorded material is anything but an escapist fantasy—a naturally gifted storyteller flexing with vivid descriptions of familiar situations on the streets.

Ross' latest, "Mastermind," is yet another performance piece in which the well-established character of Rick Ross gloats about his funds—even playing a recording of his massive account balance—and his luxury lifestyle. It's his best album since 2010's "Teflon Don," largely thanks to a renewed focus on quality production courtesy of execu-

tive producer Diddy (Notorious B.I.G., Mary J. Blige). Yet Diddy doesn't really lend his usual polish, instead showcasing the crisp work of other producers like Bink (Jay Z), Scott Storch (Beyoncé), Mike Will Made It (2 Chainz) and J.U.S.T.I.C.E League (Drake).

The featured rappers also excel: Jeezy spits venom on "War Ready," dancehall chanters Sizzla and Mavado shine on "Mafia Music III" and Jay Z lends weight to "The Devil Is A Lie." Produced by DJ Mustard (Tyga, YG) and featuring Kanye West, "Sanctified" thus contains an untouchable trio of acts who get played all day on rap radio in 2014.

Yet the record also has considerable filler. In particular, "BLK & WHI" and "In Vein"—which is basically a Weeknd song that Ross doesn't even show up on until two minutes into the thing—add nothing to the overall product.

Too often Ross sounds content to coast, using lazy punch lines and standard metaphors. It's subject matter that we've heard from him a million times before, without any newfound sense of truth or purpose. Like an actor playing a long-running supporting character in a popular TV show, the big man's just doing his job and sticking with what works.

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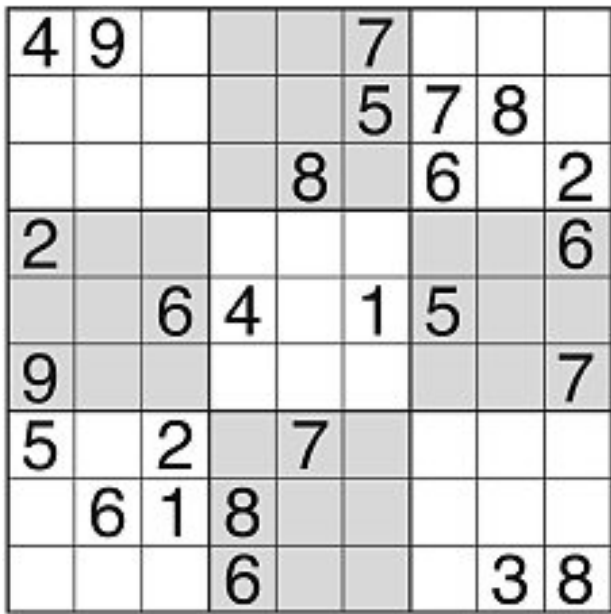
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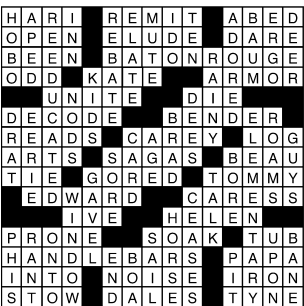
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1861: Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated president.

1933: President Franklin D. Roosevelt launched the “New Deal” recovery program in his first inaugural address, saying, “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.”

1998: The Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment at work can be illegal even when the offender and victim are of the same gender.

ACROSS

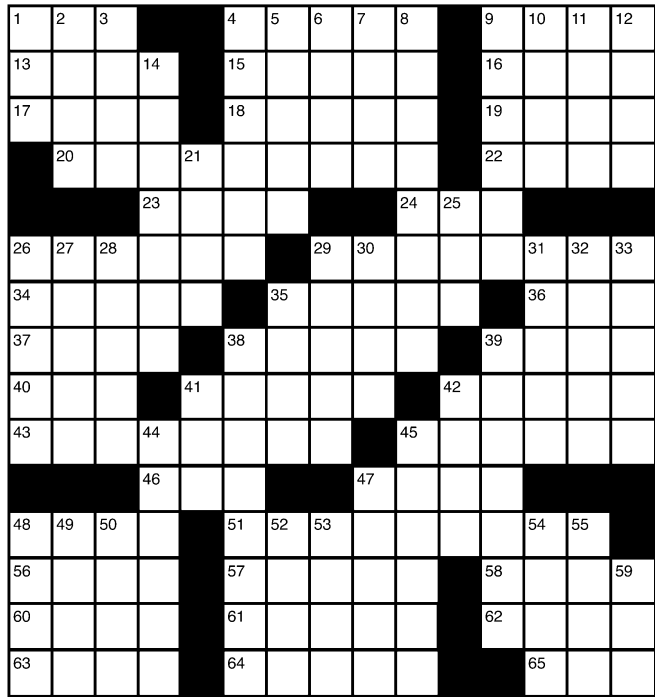
- 4 Pekoe or oolong
- 4 Wise men
- 9 Bump _; meet
- 10 unexpectedly
- 13 Dobbin's dinner
- 15 Wed on the run
- 16 Person, place or thing
- 17 _ up; provide a support for
- 18 Songbird
- 19 Organize into categories
- 20 Details
- 22 News, for short
- 23 Cold weather wrap
- 24 " a deal!"
- 26 Like whirlpool's waters
- 29 Deliberately cause the failure of
- 34 Miles per hour
- 35 Young female horse
- 36 May honoree
- 37 Colors
- 38 Instrument that plays "Taps"
- 39 Indian woman's garment
- 40 In the _; ultimately
- 41 Child's caregiver
- 42 Eye color
- 43 Commandeers a plane in flight
- 45 Cure
- 46 CBS competitor
- 47 Saint topper
- 48 Very excited
- 51 Attacker
- 56 Yearn
- 57 Small brooks
- 58 _ as a pin
- 60 Riot control spray
- 61 Still breathing
- 62 "Oh, for Pete's _!"
- 63 Toboggan
- 64 Carried
- 65 Blushing

DOWN

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Spinning top | 12 Climb _; mount |
| 2 All _; listening | 14 Variety; type |
| 3 Perched on | 21 TV-to-outlet connection |
| 4 Soap opera | 25 Gift for a child |
| 5 In flight | 26 Blaze residue |
| 6 Asian desert | 27 Boldness; pluck |
| 7 "Beowulf" or the "Iliad" | 28 Like neglected gardens |
| 8 Logical | 29 Omens |
| 9 _ on; demand | 30 Actress Shedy |

- 31 Astound
32 Pierced, as by a bull's
horn
33 Post or Procter
35 In a _; depressed
38 Casino game
39 Pago Pago residents
41 Capture
42 Satan's realm
44 Uneven
45 Elevated

- 47 Cut in two
48 Charitable gift
49 Hockey score
50 A single time
52 Fodder tower
53 Narrow cut
54 Close by
55 _ place; occur
59 Actor Danson



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CARS

2010 Dodge Charger SXT Stk. #XE1048A\$12,991*
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Lupita Nyong'o

WINNER: Toss-up
We're torn. Dress No. 1 is flowy and gorgeous, but also very HELLO in the front. Dress No. 2 is great in concept, but perhaps a little lacking in execution. But who can quibble? Lupita won the damn night.



Amy Adams

WINNER: Dress No. 1
Amy's blue number was the picture of grace and sass PLUS was paired with earrings that we really want to steal. There was nowhere to go but down.



Anna Kendrick

WINNER: Dress No. 2
By the longest of all the long shots. Her second look isn't perfect, but it escapes the sheer/strappy/terror axis of evil that is the first gown.



Double trouble

And you thought finding ONE perfect Oscars gown was tough!

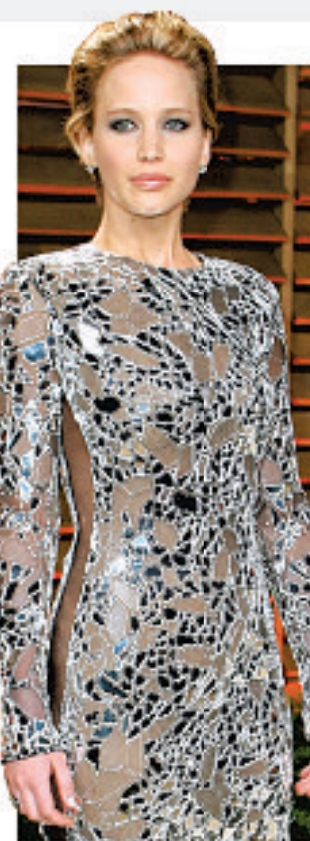
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Long ago, like, in the '80s, actresses could get away with wearing a single gown to the Academy Awards ceremony and after-parties. But these days? You're more likely to catch George Clooney looking terrible in his tux. As Stefon would likely tell you, Hollywood's hottest Oscars party is hosted by Vanity Fair magazine, and plenty of starlets did the of "Mrs. Doubtfire"-changing-in-the-bathroom switcheroo before heading out for the night. We took a peek at the gowns to see which looks were winners. DMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | [@REDEYEDANA](https://twitter.com/REDEYEDANA)



Jada Pinkett Smith

WINNER: Dress No. 2
While Jada's first dress of the night was very cool in the caped-back department, it also was rather scary of boob. No. 2 is classy without being matronly.



Jennifer Lawrence

WINNER: Dress No. 2
This thing was VERY sheer in the side-booby region. But it's perfect for dancing the night away, something that clearly was on J. Law's agenda.



red hot

“Beyonce is not perfect even though she is kind of a badass, but I think it is very generous of her to work these things out publicly.”

—Rookie magazine creator **Tavi Gevinson**, to *Wonderland* magazine, on the contradictions of “Beyonce”



PIZZA GUY GETS HIS TIP

Ellen DeGeneres handed Edgar Martirosyan \$1,000 during a live taping of her show Monday. About \$600 of that, she said, was the cash she collected from celebrity audience members at the 86th Academy Awards ceremony Sunday. Martirosyan, who owns Big Mama's and Papa's Pizzeria in Hollywood with his brother, recalled being told that he was delivering the pies to producers and writers during the ceremony. “And you came out,” he said. “You said, ‘Just follow me,’ and I’m going, then I’m on a stage ... I was shocked. It was really crazy.”

THE DIGIT

43 MILLION

That’s how many people tuned in to Sunday night’s Oscars telecast, **vulture.com** reports. That’s the highest viewership in a decade, and a 6 percent increase from last year’s Seth MacFarlane-hosted event.

Pharrell Williams
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THE DIGIT

\$44,100

That was the winning bid on Pharrell’s 2014 Grammys hat, **eonline.com** reports. The cash, which naturally comes from Arby’s, will benefit the singer’s From One Hand To Another foundation.

Look who’s expecting now! Scarlett Johansson is pregnant with her first child, **eonline.com** reports. She and fiance Romain Dauriac have been engaged since September, and it’s the first child for both. Congrats, you crazy kids!



BEAUTY & the BABY

Scarlett Johansson and Romain Dauriac

Hillary Clinton: Construction worker?

Well this is quite a revelation. Newly released documents show that Hillary Clinton’s team once considered putting her on “Home Improvement,” **politico.com** reports. Yes, the Tim Allen show that we used to watch to drool over JTT. “‘Home Improvement’ is the most popular television show on the air. They are willing to do a show on women, children and family issues or a show on whatever issues Hillary would like,” Clinton’s then-press secretary, Lisa Caputo, wrote. Why in the sweet hell didn’t this come to fruition? The world may never know.

Back to you, Jon

“Saturday Night Live” isn’t the only comedy show that mines our city’s talent. “The Daily Show” has hired former Chicago improv comedian Jordan Klepper to join its correspondent team, the Tribune reports. We look forward to his first “report” from The Wiener Circle!

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